

NASHVILLE:

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1857.

Gen. Pillow.

The Union and American gives General

Pillow the benefit of an article defending

him against the assaults of an "illiberal

partisan press," and claiming that in all the

controversies growing out of his Mexican

campaign he has triumphed. We suppose

the article may be regarded as an any one

administered with a view to assuage the

pains of the patient General, caused by the

defeat of his civic aspirations. But,

whether it will have the desired effect re-

mains to be seen. We fear it will not;

that its tendency will be rather to open up

his wounds afresh; for how unpleasant

must be the reflection that whilst he has

triumphed over the combined assaults of

his political enemies, he has fallen under

the blows of his political friends, even

whilst they admit that he "has not only

served his country but has reflected honor

upon his State," and announce that Ten-

nessee will cherish the honor of her dis-

tinguished citizen soldier! Why should he

who has "reflected honor upon his State,"

have been crushed by his party friends to

pave the way for the exaltation of another,

and not a "better" soldier? These reflec-

tions are of more importance to Gen. Pil-

low's reputation than the "illiberal" as-

saults which he, in the opinion of the *Union*

and *American*, has scattered with ease.

His defeat by his own party, at the time

and under the circumstances, is a more se-

rious assault than any made upon him by

his political enemies, and will work him

more damage.

The American press of Nashville cannot

be numbered with the "illiberal partisan

press" or contemporary rebukes. They

have given General Pillow the advantage

of a republication of whatever he wrote in

the recent controversy, in this respect set-

ting an example of fairness which we hope

to see rivaled by sham democratic journals.

Nor can the communication of "A Cit-

izen," published in the *Banner*, be placed

to the account of partisan illiberality, inas-

much as it was written by a political friend

of Gen. Pillow and so announced by that

paper.

Sham democratic papers should be the

last to prate of partisan illiberality.

When have they ever manifested liberality

towards a political opponent. With what

zeal they sought to blacken the fame of

Gen. Harrison—how they ridiculed and

belittled the noble old patriot Zachary Tay-

lor—and with what relentless zeal they

have defamed the hero Scott, we need not

say. The memory of the reader doubtless

cherishes their conduct as an ignoble ex-

ample to be avoided by the just and patri-

otic of their countrymen.

Mr. Nicholson's Letter.

The following is the reply of Hon. A. O.

P. Nicholson to the interrogatories propo-

unded to him by a portion of the mem-

bers of the Legislature, differing with him

on political topics, as read in the Conven-

tion, Tuesday, by the Senator from Maury.

Mr. WHITMORE:

NASHVILLE, Oct. 27th, 1857.

GENTLEMEN:—In reply to your com-

munication of the 13th inst., by Mr. Ewing, Col.

Guill, David Dupont and myself, I was said "that

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